

December 6, 2001. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the outstanding Office Action, kindly amend the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph at page 21, lines 16 and 17 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up version, showing the changes made, is attached.

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--Fig. 1 shows time-course changes in TCE in the gas phase in Example 3.--

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 48, line 14 and ending at page 49, line 5 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up version, showing the changes made, is attached.

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--Eight brown colonies were found in these colonies and picked up.

Recombinant plasmid DNA carrying toluene monooxygenase gene was extracted from the cells of each brown colony and the restriction map thereof was determined. It was found that all recombinant plasmids derived from the 8 colonies had a common insertion fragment of 5.8 kb. A plasmid containing only the common fragment of 5.8 kb was designated as pKKO1 and a restriction map of the inserted DNA fragment was made. A recombinant E.coli HB101 carrying a plasmid containing a 8.5 kb insertion fragment